

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2011 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 2

Resolution No. 10 -2011

Introduced by: The Chairperson

A RESOLUTION establishing a Charter Review Commission to review and make recommendations concerning the Howard County Charter; appointing certain persons to serve on the Commission; appointing a Chairperson; providing for the duties of the Commission including the duty to submit a final report on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the Redistricting Commission.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2011

By order _____
Stephen M. LeGendre, Administrator

Read for a second time and a public hearing on _____, 2011

By order _____
Stephen M. LeGendre, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time and was Adopted ____, Adopted with amendments ____, Failed ____ Withdrawn ____ by the County Council on _____, 2011.

Certified by _____
Stephen M. LeGendre, Administrator

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1 **WHEREAS**, the Howard County Charter requires the County Council of Howard
2 County to establish a Charter Review Commission (“Commission”) every eight years; and
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4 **WHEREAS**, the Commission last convened in 2003; and
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6 **WHEREAS**, the Commission’s purpose shall be to ensure that the Charter is clear
7 in meaning, addresses the needs of contemporary government, and remains a functional,
8 working document that effectively outlines the framework for an efficient operation of
9 county government; and
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11 **WHEREAS**, the Council has selected fifteen residents of Howard County to serve
12 as members of the Commission, five of whom have been selected from a list of names
13 submitted by the County Executive, and no more than ten of whom are of the same political
14 party.
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16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard
17 County, Maryland this ____ day of _____, 2011 that there is hereby established a
18 Charter Review Commission to review the Charter, to identify sections of the current
19 Charter that need to be revised, and to recommend changes for consideration.
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21 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the following persons are appointed to
22 serve on the Commission:
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24 Sharon Ahn
25 2625 Golf Island Road
26 Ellicott City, Maryland 21042
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28 Cindy Ardinger
29 2317 Old Maple Court
30 Ellicott City, Maryland 21042
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1 Regina Clay
2 10073 Windstream Drive, Apartment 3
3 Columbia, Maryland 21044
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5 Thomas Coale
6 4739 Columbia Road
7 Ellicott City, Maryland 21042
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9 Edward Cochran
10 7400 Guilford Road
11 Clarksville, Maryland 21029
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13 Michael Davis
14 10323 Wild Lake Terrace
15 Columbia , Maryland 21044
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17 Charles Feaga
18 3050 Lancelot Cross
19 Ellicott City, Maryland 21042
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21 Alice Giles
22 9614 Donnan Castle Court
23 Laurel, Maryland 20723
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25 Yvonne Howard
26 9370 Mellenbrook Road
27 Columbia, Maryland 21045
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29 Steve Hunt
30 9630 Park Avenue
31 Laurel, Maryland 20723

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Sang Oh
10315 Owen Brown Road
Columbia, Maryland 21044

Donna Richardson
8600 Rockcress Court
Columbia, Maryland 21045

Andrew Stack
6450 Tauler Court
Columbia, Maryland 21045

Joshua Tzucker
7665 Midtown Road
Fulton, Maryland 20759

James Walsh
16135 Ed Warfield Road
Woodbine, Maryland 21797

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Commission shall be Donna Richardson.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that members of the Commission shall receive reimbursement expenses incurred, in accordance with County policy.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission shall submit to the Council, on or before May 1, 2012, a comprehensive written report of its findings, recommendations and drafts of recommended revisions of the Charter.

1 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the term of the Commission shall not
2 exceed 2 years.

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4 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Commission shall establish a
5 schedule of public hearings to be held at various locations in the County.

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7 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Commission shall conduct
8 meetings in accordance with the Maryland Open Meetings Law.

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10 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that any vacancies on the Commission
11 shall be filled by the Council.

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13 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all recommendations and proposed
14 Charter revisions shall be approved by a majority of the Commission members before they
15 are forwarded to the Council.

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17 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that minority reports of the Commission
18 may also be forwarded to the Council for consideration.

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20 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Commission shall adopt rules of
21 procedure to accomplish its charges as set forth in this Resolution.